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# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Water Rights

KENT L. JONES  
State Engineer/Division Director

January 11, 2011

Ray Owens, Water Commissioner  
Sevier River Distribution System  
280 N 100 E  
Joesph UT 84739-1221

Re: Invoice Voucher received 01/10/11

Dear Ray,

On January 10, 2011, we received an invoice voucher for reimbursement of commissioner expenses that you FAXed to our office at the end of the previous week. A copy of the voucher is enclosed. It appears the reimbursement requested is for expenses that all occurred in 2010.

A number of years ago we changed our policy regarding expense reimbursements. We will no longer accept invoice vouchers for expenses incurred in previous years. We used to allow commissioners to carry over expenses from one year to the next by submitting vouchers in the next fiscal year; however, we found this created real budgeting problems for the water users at the annual meetings. The financial report did not accurately represent the expenses that had been incurred nor did it accurately show the reserve funds that were actually uncommitted.

This policy change was clearly explained when it was made and reminders are sent out each year in November. I understand you are aware of the policy and that you explained to Patsy in a phone message that you delayed the reporting of December expenses to January on purpose and would do so each year from here on out. That may be a workable plan, but if it is adopted both water commissioners should follow it, so it needs to be approved by the committee.

I have asked Patsy to hold payment on the voucher until after the annual Sevier River distribution meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will discuss it with the committee and they will decide whether to budget additional funds in 2011 to cover these 2010 expenses or to whether to adopt a month delay in payment of water commissioner expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 801-538-72380 or at [LeeHSim@utah.gov](mailto:LeeHSim@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

Lee H. Sim, P.E.

Assistant State Engineer for Field Services

Cc: Ivan Cowley, Chairman  
Kirk Forbush, Regional Engineer



# UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS INVOICE VOUCHER

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

Sevier River

PAYEE:

**Mr. Ray Owens**

280 N 100 E

ADDRESS:

Joseph, UT 84739-1221

Budget

Item No.

BUDGET ITEM DESCRIPTION

4	TRAVEL EXPENSE	Dec 2010 2162 miles @ \$.50	1081.00
	Specific Description:		
9	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		
	Specific Description:		
12	OFFICE & SUPPLIES EXPENSE	Franklin Planner	\$50.69
	Specific Description:		
13	SECRETARIAL EXPENSE		
	Specific Description:		
14	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	Qwest Nov/Dec 2010 \$95.19 Covad Nov/Dec 2010 \$74.98	\$170.17
	Specific Description:		
15	COMMITTEE EXPENSE		
	Specific Description:		
16	ANNUAL REPORT EXPENSE		
	Specific Description:		
17	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES EXPENSE	Wiring for Bartlett	
	Specific Description:		
18	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	Norton Internet Security	\$63.56
	Specific Description:		
19			
	Specific Description:		
20			
	Specific Description:		

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

**RECEIVED**

JAN 10 2011

\$1365.42

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

1/7/2011

Date

Commissioner

Chairman

Division of Water Rights

WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE

P1 No.

Entered by

Date

**Ray J. Owens**  
Sevier River Commissioner



280 North 100 East  
Joseph, Utah 84739  
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## FAX COVER SHEET

TO: *Patsy Baggs*

Utah Division of Water Rights  
Attn:  
PO Box 146300  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

FROM:

*Ray Owens*

DATE:

*1/7/2011*

REF:

*Travel Voucher**Dec 2010*

Number

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JAN 10 2011 *JK*WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE